



hired him to teach his little boy to read ; which was a much better employment than frightening crows, and which drew upon him the ill-natured nicknames of many boys, who could not bear to see him taken notice of, while they received no mark of favour from any one. They would call him *Old Tom*, and *Scarecrow* ; but this *Tom* had too great sense to mind, and only

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only laughed at them for their envy the same time repeating these lines.
*All those who love Learning and rules,
 Must bear with the envy of fools ;
 And they that true wisdom would have
 Will give an offence to the knave.*

Tom's scholar was not so br as himself, and was a long while fore he could say his A, B, C ; w when he had learned, *Tom* set alphabet in verse, repeating it fir this manner,

A Apple, B Bear,
 C Custard, D Dear.

Now, says *Tom*, say that. Aye, Jack, for that was his name :

A Apple, B Custard,
 C Dear, D Bear,

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